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Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero U.S. District Court
Northern District Court of California
Courtroom G, 15th Floor
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Winbery, et al. v. Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company, et al. Case No. 3:09-cv-00134-JCS (N.D. Cal.): Request to Appear Telephonically

Dear Magistrate Judge Spero:

I am counsel for Defendant Equita Financial and Insurance Services in the above-referenced case. I respectfully request permission to attend telephonically the upcoming Case Management Conference hearing scheduled for March 9, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. PST. My telephone number is (310) 545-0010 extension 103.

Your consideration is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

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cc: Michael D. Meadows, Esq. Gordon W. Renneisen, Esq. Scott A. Shanes, Esq. Ethan J. Brown, Esq. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT counsel shall be on phone standby beginning at 1:30 p.m., and await the Court's call.

Dated: Feb. 9, 2012